

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated May 4, 2005.

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for his action in renumbering claims 24-29 as new claims 30-35, and examining claims 30-35. We also thank the Examiner for recognizing patentable subject matter in dependent claims 12, 16, 19, 21, 31-34, 35/31, 35/32, and 35/34.

Claims 2, 7-9, 13-15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 30 and 35/30 were rejected over the admitted prior art on pages 1-2, taken in view of Leander. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested in view of the present amendment.

Claim 2 is directed to a double-sided adhesive tape comprising two features:

- 1) on each side, a pattern comprising adhesive and non-adhesive sections; and
- 2) an adhesive section on the first side is in contact exclusively with a non-adhesive section on the second side.

The word “exclusively” is being added in this Preliminary Amendment, in view of the Examiner’s comments in the Advisory Action.

The admitted prior art and Leander do not disclose at least feature (2). The Leander reference does not disclose contact between an adhesive section on a first side and exclusively a non-adhesive section on the second side of a two-sided tape, because Leander teaches that adhesive material on one side of a rolled-up tape must be protected from contact with the other side by a lining or release layer. This teaching would prevent contact exclusively with a non-adhesive section as claimed, but instead would entail contact with a lining or release layer. Thus, Leander teaches away from the feature in the final paragraph of claim 2, because it teaches affirmatively that a release layer is present between the adhesive portions (which are disposed exclusively on one side of Leander’s tape) and the other (non-adhesive) face of the tape. See col. 2, lines 26-28.

The present amendment is supported at least by page 3, line 19; page 5, line 23- page 6, line 1; page 6, lines 15-16; and especially page 6, line 22- page 7, line 7:

"When the double-sided tape (20) is wound onto bobbin (11) as a roll, the "A" side is outside and the "B" side is inside. The "A" side of the adhesive section (60) will be rolled in contact with the "B" side of the non-adhesive section (61), as shown in Figure 3(a), and the "B" side of the adhesive section (60) will be rolled in contact with the "A" side of the non-adhesive section (61).

Therefore, in the case of a double-sided tape (20) no adhesive is needed for the area of the non-adhesive section (61), which results in adhesive savings that correspond to the size of this area. This method also enables rolling the tape without requiring an additional lining for the non-adhesive section (61) of the "A" and "B" sides." (emphasis added).

Therefore, the admitted prior art and Leander et al., taken together, neither disclose nor suggest the features of claims 2, 13-15, 17, 18, 30 and 35/30 as amended herein.

Claims 7 and 17 recite dispensers in combination with a single-sided and a double-sided adhesive tape, respectively. None of the cited prior art has any relevance to a dispenser. These claims and their dependent claims 8-9 and 18 should be allowed.

Claim 20 is directed to a notepad comprising a double-sided adhesive tape having the same features as claim 2. Claims 20, 22 and 23 should be allowed for at least the same reasons as claim 2.

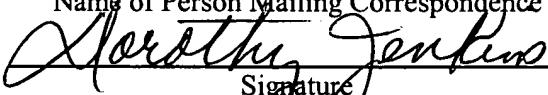
Accordingly, allowance of claims 2, 7-9, 13-15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 30 and 35/30 is requested.

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